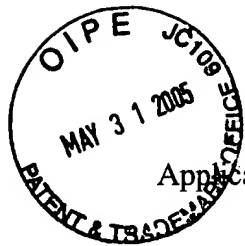


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Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Office Action for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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X	\$ 100	\$
+	\$ 180	\$

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This Reply to Office Action is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 30, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.